

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO**  
**CITIZENS REVENUE REVIEW AND ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS COMMISSION**



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TO: Councilmember Todd Gloria  
Chair, City Council Land Use and Housing Committee

FROM: Bob Nelson *Bob Nelson*

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In September 2009, the Land Use and Housing Committee requested that our Commission make recommendations regarding housing Linkage Fees.

High for-sale and rental housing prices are a major impediment to job creation in the region. Important industries cannot expand and flourish without their employees having access to housing they can afford.

Our Commission has received several presentations from various parties interested and experienced with this issue. Advocates of increasing affordable housing access in San Diego consider linkage fees essential to ensure that people who work in San Diego also have the opportunity to live here. Detractors of the initiative report that Linkage Fees may stifle business opportunities and prevent companies from coming to San Diego.

There is merit to both sides of this debate. However, there was no empirical data presented to the Commission enabling conclusions about the impact of Linkage Fees at this time. We have discussed the issue at multiple public meetings. Based on evidence and arguments presented, the Commission recommends that the City not increase Linkage Fees at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to your deliberations on this matter.

cc: Hon Kevin Faulconer  
Hon. Sherri Lightner  
Hon. Tony Young  
CRRECC Commissioners  
Interested parties